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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John B. Nguyen

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10,12-15,17-20,22-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10,12-15,17-20,22,23,25-27 and 29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/948,329.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/29/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on 06/17/2005 has been reviewed and is accepted.
The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 28 recites the limitation ***** a dielectric duplexer comprising the dielectric resonator according to claim 27***** in lines 1-2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 27 is claimed **“ a dielectric filter”**.
3. Claim 24 is including claim 28, which is relate to claim 27.
4. Claims 24 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

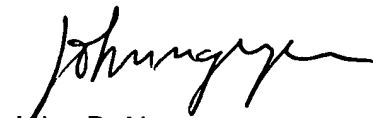
5. Claims 1-10, 12-15, 17-20, 22-23, 25-27 and 29 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: in combination with other limitations of the claim the prior art fails to teach or suggest

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a dielectric resonator comprising: a rectangular parallelepiped dielectric block; a plated through hole defining a resonant frequency of the dielectric resonator arranged inside the dielectric block, the through hole having a L-shaped configuration and extending from a first surface of the dielectric block to a second surface of the dielectric block which is perpendicular to the first surface; an outer conductor formed on outer surfaces of the dielectric block in such a manner that one end of the plated through hole is spaced from the outer conductor to define an open-circuited end of the plated through hole and the other end of the plated through hole is connected to the outer electrode to define a short-circuited end as called for in claims 1, 6 and 27. Therefore, claims 1-10, 12-15, 17-20, 22-23, 25-27 and 29 are presently allowed.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B Nguyen whose telephone number (571) 272-1808. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-4:30PM M-F.



John B. Nguyen
July 07, 2005